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Medical research suggests tobacco products cause such diseases as cancer, heart disease, and other adverse health effects. One in every seven deaths in Los Angeles County is caused by cigarette smoking. And yet, tobacco use is one of the most preventable causes of disease and premature deaths. In spite of prevention and intervention efforts directed at tobacco use, the tobacco industry continues to succeed in retaining current smokers and attracting new ones, particularly youth smokers, through marketing and advertising. While Congress has the responsibility to regulate tobacco products as interstate commerce, there is limited federal authority to regulate tobacco products and the advertisement and promotion of such products.

Now, in an effort to regulate the content and marketing of tobacco products, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act has been introduced in both houses of Congress as S. 625 and H.R. 1108 by United States Senators Edward Kennedy and John Cornyn and United States Representatives Henry Waxman and Tom Davis, respectively. Both bills will allow the federal Food and Drug Administration to regulate the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of tobacco products. In the interest of public health, the tobacco industry will be subject to more stringent, ongoing oversight.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors take a support position on S.625 and H.R.1108 and send a five-signature letter supporting S. 625 and H.R. 1108 to the Los Angeles County legislative delegation in both houses of Congress.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the County's federal legislative advocates pursue the County's position on these important public health bills.

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